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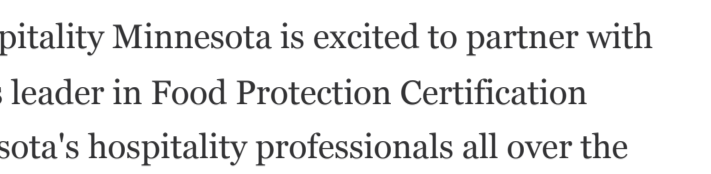
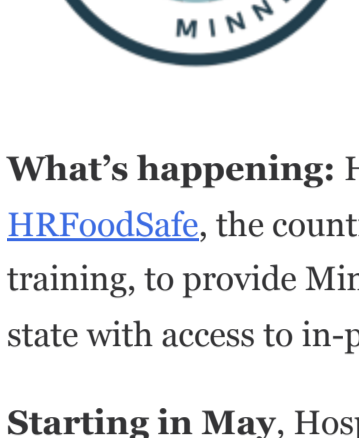
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Hospitality Minnesota Announces 2024 Minnesota ServSafe Classes



What's happening: Hospitality Minnesota is excited to partner with [HRFoodSafe](#), the country's leader in Food Protection Certification training, to provide Minnesota's hospitality professionals all over the state with access to in-person [ServSafe](#) classes throughout 2024.

Starting in May, Hospitality Minnesota will host 40 [ServSafe](#) courses in the Twin Cities metro area as well as in Greater Minnesota.

- **Go deeper:** Those interested in gaining ServSafe certification can learn more about ServSafe, class details and more [here](#).

Buy 3, Get 4th Free: 2024 Hospitality Vendor Expo & Mixer



Buy 3, Get 4th Free: Hospitality industry professionals can now register 3 attendees for the Hospitality Vendor Expo & Mixer and get the 4th free!

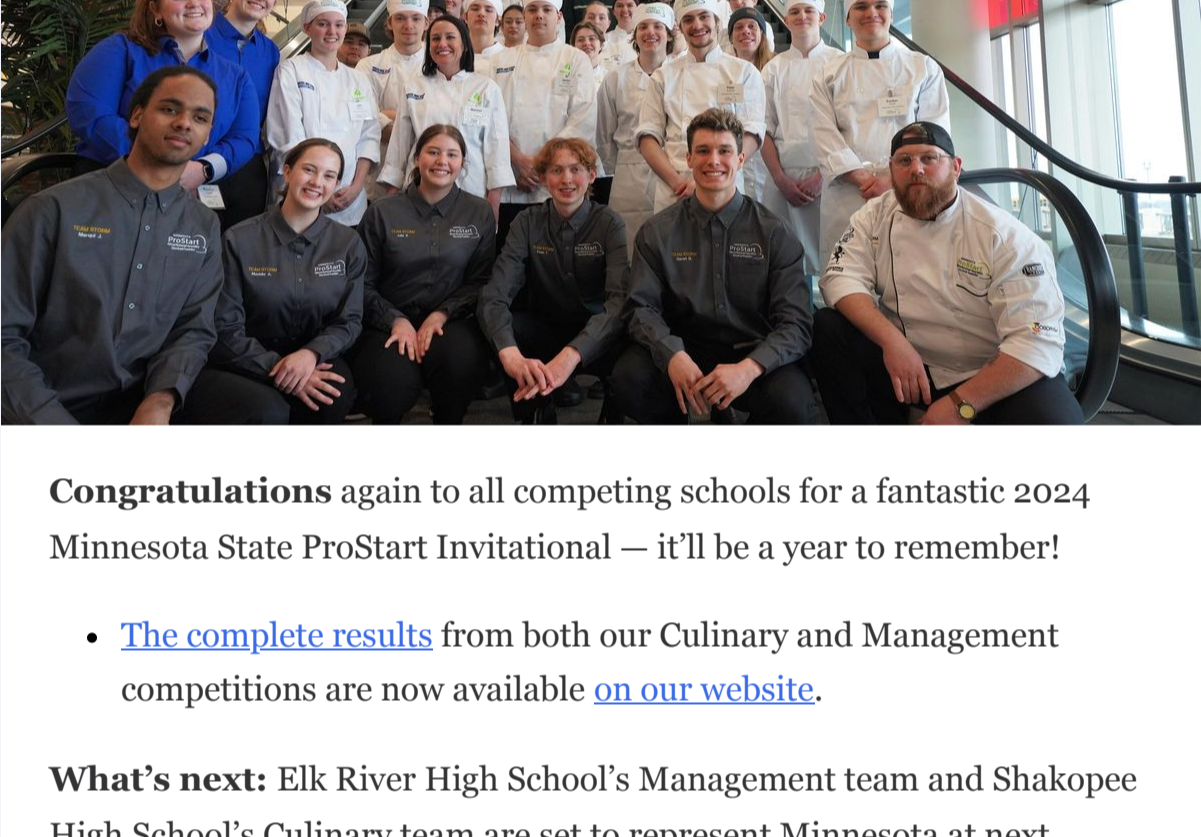
- **All discounts are applied** at check out. [Register here!](#)

Yes, and: Many of our exhibitor booths are offering giveaways and special prizes to those in attendance. Trust us: you won't want to miss out on exclusive offers from our biggest industry partners.

- **Still not sold?** Hospitality Minnesota will also be giving away a mystery grand prize to a lucky attendee who visits all booths before the end of the day.

[Register today!](#)

Minnesota State ProStart Invitational - Full Winners List Released



Congratulations again to all competing schools for a fantastic 2024 Minnesota State ProStart Invitational — it'll be a year to remember!

- [The complete results](#) from both our Culinary and Management competitions are now available [on our website](#).

What's next: Elk River High School's Management team and Shakopee High School's Culinary team are set to represent Minnesota at next month's National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore on April 26-28, 2024.

Hospitality Groups Urge Senate to Pass Tax Relief Legislation



What happened: The National Restaurant Association and American Hotel & Lodging Association joined dozens of other hospitality groups in [a letter](#) to Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell urging Senate passage of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act ([H.R. 7024](#)).

What they're saying:

- **AHLA:** "Hoteliers need help navigating the economic uncertainties created by persistent inflation, a nationwide workforce shortage, and an aggressive federal regulatory agenda. The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act would provide that help, and on behalf of America's nearly 62,500 hotels, we call on the Senate to pass it as soon as possible." - AHLA Interim President & CEO Kevin Carey
- **NRA:** "The current limitation of depreciation and amortization and loss of 100% bonus depreciation for certain expenses penalize a restaurant operator's investment in their success by adding to their tax burden," Sean Kennedy, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs, National Restaurant Association.

Some background: The bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act (H.R. 7024) includes several provisions that will benefit the hospitality and tourism industries, including:

- An extension of the 100% bonus depreciation through the end of 2025. Under current law, leasehold and other qualifying interior improvements are eligible for 60% bonus depreciation this year before bonus depreciation phases out after 2026.
- A four-year extension with retroactivity of the taxpayer-favorable earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) standard for measuring the amount of business interest deductible under section 163(j).
- A Child Tax Credit enhancement.

Go deeper: [Click here](#) to read the letter.

Register for the NRA's Public Affairs Conference in DC



Join Team Minnesota on April 15-17, 2024, in Washington, D.C. for the [National Restaurant Association's Public Affairs Conference](#) and be part of the industry's largest grassroots advocacy event.

Why it matters: This event is crucial as it provides an unparalleled opportunity for Minnesota to network, learn from industry leaders, and advocate for the restaurant sector at a national level.

- In addition to meeting with lawmakers on Capitol Hill, conference attendees will hear from top political speakers and celebrate the industry at networking events.

- [Register today!](#)

In the News

- [At Minnesota's ProStart Invitational, high-school culinary students cook like pros.](#) (Angie Whitcomb quoted) | Star Tribune
- [Minneapolis City Council signals willingness to adjust Uber and Lyft driver pay ordinance](#) | MPR News
- [Minnesota adds only 100 jobs in February; unemployment rate holds steady at 2.7%](#) | Star Tribune

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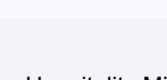
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